

1 May 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY CHIEF, [REDACTED] G

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Disposal of Maximum Custody Type Defectors

REFERENCES: (a) Memo fr Acting Chief, [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], dtd 7 Mar 1951; Subj: Disposal of Maximum Custody Type Defectors of all Categories. [REDACTED] H

H (b) Memo [REDACTED] fr [REDACTED], Consultant, [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] dtd 20 Mar. 1951; Subj: Comments on memo by [REDACTED] Acting Chief, [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] dated 7 March 1951, G

1. On 1 May 1951, Mr. [REDACTED] and the undersigned discussed these matters with [REDACTED] C/I

2. The action called for in Paragraph 3 of Reference (b) was resolved during this discussion; namely,

a. Chemical nature of the amnesia-inducing drugs. They would be substituted [REDACTED] They are not reported in the literature. [REDACTED] C/I

b. Physiological effects: In animal studies, it was found that 150 milligrams per kilogram of body weight is fatal 50% of the time. Total dosage to [REDACTED] is only about 150 milligrams; i.e., about 70 times less than the lethal dosage. However, on one occasion, a person administered twice this amount (300mg.) developed temporary amnesia and drowsiness, a condition which lasted about 24 hours. I

c. Manufacturers: [REDACTED] is producing 200 grams of the parent substance. B

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List cost

H [REDACTED] # SENSITIVE [REDACTED]

list cost is [redacted], but it will be available to us for [redacted] G/I
This material could serve as the immediate starting material
for synthesizing related compounds by alkylation, acetylation,
carboxylation, etc.

d. Clinical evidence: None excepting that intimated in
Item 2b above, from observation on [redacted] C/I

5. It is the opinion of the undersigned that this is a unique
opportunity to carry on a sterile research program which is a gentle,
but a worth-while one. The physiological effects cannot be tried out
on animals; it can only be carried out without arousing suspicion by
using these [redacted] seems well qualified to
carry on this work. [redacted] C/I

4. It is entirely possible that this project might fail in pro-
viding any drug which could induce amnesia for such long periods of
time as the 18 months required in Reference (b); but it is also entirely
likely that drugs may be found which will induce amnesia for a period
of some days or weeks, and as such may find use for short-term disposal
of marine custody type defectors. [redacted] C/I

The chemical
synthesis would probably be carried out at [redacted] B
by a chemist already synthesizing similar compounds for [redacted] C
Also, it would seem desirable [redacted] I

so as to have two chemists available
for speeding up the research. However, it is not desirable to synthesize
a great number of derivatives, but rather to keep the preparation of a
few of these compounds in phase with the clinical tests on them.

6. Recommendations:

[redacted] C/I

[redacted] A
Consultant, [redacted] E

cc: [redacted] A
- Cy 1
Registry - Cy 3
Chrono - Cy 2

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